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1. Aircraft Counts:

- a. 21 November: 25 MIG-15's
1 LA-9's
2 PO-2's
- b. 24 November: 27 MIG-15's
2 LA-9's
1 PO-2's
- c. 27 November: 27 MIG-15's
2 LA-9's
1 PO-2's

All aircraft blast shelters appeared to be empty.

2. Aircraft Details:

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b. Markings:

- (1). All MIG-15's observed either airborne or in the vicinity of the airfield were finished with an overall silver grey, with a red Soviet star on the rear of the fuselage, and one on the tail fin.
- (2). Each MIG-15 had a red band painted around the air intake.

c. Fittings:

All MIG-15's were fitted with auxiliary wing tanks.

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3. Flying Activity:

- a. Throughout the reporting period, four MIG-15's, fitted with auxiliary wing tanks, were parked in readiness at the take-off end of the runway.
- b. On 24 November, only three MIG-15's were observed carrying out local flying.

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 21 and 27 November, no flying was observed.

4. Radar and Radio:

- a. No changes in the static radio installations took place on the airfield during the reporting period.
- b. North of the airfield on the Sprotscheberg (approximately 105.8 meters high), situated midway between the villages of Retzow and Ellerholz, a full Token radar set, consisting of two mesh aerials, has been set up. The installation consists of three-axled trucks and a generator. Two pairs of telephone wires lead back from this installation to the nearby Rechlin-Laerz airfield, while another single pair lead northwards to the former Rechlin airfield where an administrative Headquarters is believed to exist.
- c. A Knife-Rest radar and a Dumbo are situated at a point 500 meters due east of the north-east corner of Rechlin-Laerz airfield.

5. Anti-Aircraft Installations:

No anti-aircraft guns are visible on the airfield or in its immediate vicinity. The former emplacement and ammunition bunkers situated in the extreme north-west corner of the airfield still remain unoccupied. A number of enlisted men wearing black-red shoulderboards and artillery insignia, however, were frequently observed on the airfield.

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